Annual Report
on the Health of the Borough of Tenterden
— in 1895 —

Census 1881		Census 1891	
No. of Acres	8490	No. of Acres	8490
Inhabited Houses	718	Inhabited Houses	709
Population	3620	Population	3429

The population of Tenterden at the middle of 1895 was, estimated by the method adopted by the Registrar General, to be 3350

There were 86 births registered including 49 of males and 37 of females, giving a birth-rate of 25.6 per 1000 persons estimated to be living in the district as against 29.7 in 1894.

The deaths recorded during the year amounted to 74 as against 52 in 1894, and including an exactly equal number of males and of females

The death-rate was 22.0 per 1000, which is an unusually high one, compared with 19.1 in 1892, 14.2 in 1893 and 14.0 in 1894, but it must be understood that in places with a population of anything under 5.000 these fluctuations of rates constantly occur irrespective of special sanitary conditions or the heavy incidence of fatal zymotic disease; and it is well to compare the actual rate for one year with the average of several

Unless it can be shown that a very marked increase instead of a decrease in population has taken place since the last Census year the high death-rate cannot be due to an under estimation of the population, for if the rate were calculated on the higher population of 1891 it would still be 21.5 per 1000.

A large propation of the deaths occurred among aged people during the inclement weather in the early part of the year.- Of the 74 deaths recorded, 43 were among persons over 65 years of age. Nineteen deaths occurred among persons of 80 and upwards.

Of the 25 persons who died in the Workhouse, 22 were over 65 years of age; one woman in that Institution attaining the age of 94.

Seven persons died from the seven principal zymotic diseases, viz., four from Whooping-cough, two from Diarrhoea and one from Diphtheria. These give a Zymotic death-rate of 2.0 per 1000 as against 0.3 in 1894.

Two cases of notifiable disease only were reported during the year both being cases of Diphtheria. One of these, a little girl aged seven years, living at Park Gate, proved fatal on October 31st.

The four deaths from Whooping-cough took place during the months of March

and April in very young children, all under two years of age and three of the fatal cases were complicated by Bronchitis and Convulsions.

It is satisfactory to note the low rate of infant Mortality in the Borough as being only 81, i.e. eighty one deaths occurred among children under one year of age per 1000 registered births as compared with 161 throughout the County generally.

In England and Wales for the year 1895 the birth-rate was 30.3; the general death rate 18.7 and the zymotic death rate 2.14 per 1000 persons living.

A record of work carried out by Mr. Skinner, two tables of "zymotic" statistics and the two forms "A" and "B", required by the Local Government Board are appended.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
James Scott Tew

April 2nd 1896.

Tenterden Urban Sanitary District

Report of Work for the year ending December 31st 1895

The following nuisances etc have been discovered and dealt with during the year:-

Sewers repaired.	3
Sewer reconstructed.	1
Nuisances from sewer gas.	4
Water closets repaired.	2
Do do panned.	2
Drains repaired.	2
Do trapped.	2
New drains	2
Sewage ditch piped.	1
Animals in foul state.	1
Water polluted.	2
New well & pump	1
Water supplied by arrangement	1
Filthy accumulation	1
Nuisance from chicken	1
Outbreak of Diphtheria Mother and three children attacked; one death	1

(Signed)

Jos: Skinner
Inspector of Nuisances
Tenterden Urban District

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Table A.

The number of deaths from all causes and from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases with their Death Rates; the principal causes of death and the Infant Mortality in each Quarter of 1895 in the Tenterden Urban District.

Quarters	Total Deaths	Death Rate per 1000	Deaths from 7 principal Zymotic Diseases	Zymotic Death Rate	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Diarrhoea	Croup	Influenza	Erysipelas	Rheumatic Fever	Phthisis	Bronchitis Pleurisy Pneumonia	Heart Disease	Injuries	Other Diseases	Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1000 Births
1st "	29	34.5	3	3.4	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	1	"	"	2	5	2	1	15	125
2nd "	19	22.8	1	1.2	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	2	3	2	"	11	105
3rd "	9	10.7	1	1.2	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	1	3	"	3	47
4th "	17	20.3	2	2.3	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	"	12	71
Totals	74	22.0	7	2.0	"	"	1	"	"	4	2	"	1	"	"	6	10	8	1	41	81

Table B.

Deaths from Zymotic Diseases during the past ten years and in 1895.

Zymotic Diseases	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	Average of ten years	1895
Small Pox		1									0.1	0
Scarlet Fever							1				0.1	0
Diphtheria			4					5			0.9	1
Fevers	1						1				0.2	0
Measles	1										0.1	0
Whooping Cough		3		2			5		1		1.1	4
Diarrhoea		2			1			1		1	0.5	2
Total of Zymotics	2	6	4	2	1	0	7	6	1	1	3.0	7
Other Zymotics	1		2						2		0.5	1
Totals	3	6	6	2	1	0	7	6	3	1	3.5	8